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NATIONAL THEATRE, Chambers Street—Afternoon Little Natty.

WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway—Bachelor of Arts.

AMERICAN MUSEUM, Broadway—Cox, Tom Thumb.

ROADWAY MENAGERIE, Broadway—Twins and Wild Beasts.

CHRISTIANITY'S AMERICAN OPERA HOUSE, 47th Street—The Ethiopian Melodist.

WOOD'S MINSTRELS, Wood's Minstrel Hall, 44th Street—The Ethiopian Minstrel.

BUCKLEY'S OPERA HOUSE, 33rd Street—The Ethiopian Minstrel.

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hoves the government at Washington to adopt more

energetic measures with regard to the case of these

matrimony, in order—if it shall be proved that they

are innocent of the alleged crime, of which there is

little doubt—that they may be not only liberated, but

remunerated for their hardships and sufferings.

The proceedings in our State Legislature yesterday

were of so little importance as to render the

publication of the regular report of the proceedings

unnecessary this morning. Our special Albany cor-

respondent furnishes several items of interest.

The total number of deaths in this city for the

past week, was four hundred and eighty-three, being

an excess of two over the mortality of the previous

seven days. Of this number, two hundred and eighty-

eight were boys and girls, thus showing that the

fatality among juveniles continues far more disas-

trous than among adults, although the result should

and would be otherwise were parents to pay more

attention to the welfare of their offspring, by provid-

ing them with proper food and raiment—thereby, in

a majority of cases probably, rendering them impreg-

nable to the incipency of disease. During the week

consumption carried off 69, an increase of 6; various

inflammations, 61; convulsions, 30, only two of

whom were adults; different fevers, 39, of which

18 were scarlet; croup 14; marasmus, 16, 4

adults; dropsies, 25; measles, 11; still born

and premature births, 30; and small pox, 39, being

a decrease of 4. The fatalities of the deceased are

classified as follows:—United States, 204, being only

six more than the number of children who died; Ire-

land, 112; Germany, 42; England, 12; Scotland, 7;

France, 3; Sweden, Switzerland, Sardinia, Spain

and Italy, 1 each; and 8 whose birth places were un-

known. The most unusually localities in the city are

the Sixth ward, in which 34 died; the Eleventh, 29;

Twelfth, 26; Sixteenth, 34; Seventeenth, 47, and

Eighteenth, 38. In the other wards the mortality

was nearly equally divided, with the exception of

the Second and Third—only two having died in the

former and three in the latter. If parents would but

take proper care of their children, they would soon

find the city mortality almost entirely confined to

the foreign population.

The assassination case of Dr. Letner assumed an

other aspect yesterday before the Coroner. The

witnesses examined in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Hay

went far to show an alibi. As the mystery increases,

so does the public excitement. The evidence thus

far elicited is very remarkable, as will be seen by

the full report given in another page.

The steamship Europa has now been out nearly

fifteen days from Liverpool.

Besides a mass of information with regard to the

Railroad Difficulties at Erie, our inside pages contain

an interesting communication concerning the Pope's

Nuncio and Father Gavazzi; Messages of the Gov-

ernors of Kentucky, Maryland and Washington Ter-

ritory; a variety of Political Intelligence; Letters

from Vera Cruz, Yucatan, Acapulco, Paris, Houston

and Boston; News from Buenos Ayres and Texas;

State Military Convention; Execution of Andrew H.

Tracy, in Virginia, &c.

The Senate and the Spoils.

We hear strange news from Washington. We are

told that the opposition which was ushered

into so formidable an existence by the vote for

the printer to the Senate has already split and

shivered on the rock of the spoils. We are

given to understand that Senator Bright, who

took the lead in organizing a party to defeat

Armstrong and elect Tucker, has been won

over by glittering promises from the Presi-

dent, and, together with many of his col-

leagues, agrees to support the confirmation of

Collector Redfield. We are notified that the

Senate will cast aside all thoughts of the great

national principles involved in the removal of

Bronson, and is now fully under the potent in-

fluence of the public plunder. We are bidden

to prepare our minds for the news of the con-

firmation of even the most obnoxious and un-

popular of the foreign appointments. In short,

we are warned that the most important and the

most honorable branch of the American govern-

ment has not been able to withstand the

magic influence of the spoils system, and now

tends an ignominious head to the dictates of

wealthy money-lenders and foreign bankers.

Should these prognostics prove true, we have

before us most melancholy evidence of the over-

whelming power of corruption among our pub-

lic men. That principle and integrity should

be abandoned so shamelessly, and so suddenly,

by such a body as the United States Senate,

most assuredly betokens a degree of political

immorality for which the most cynical ob-

server was unprepared. The unexpected vote

for Tucker, and the rejection of Armstrong,

relieved the independent mind of the country

from the lead of degradation which the pur-

suance of the spoils policy had heaped upon it;

men breathed freely as they remembered the

past glories of the Senate, and saw in that—its

latest act—evidence that its former spirit was

not entirely quenched. Even now, notwith-

standing the repeated votes of the House in

support of the administration, and the rumored

as assigned to the Washington organ of the

Cabinet. Yet this the Senate will do if it

confirms Redfield.

Mr. J. Bronson's bitterest enemies have never

attempted to question his fitness for the post of

Collector. That he would have discharged his

duties efficiently, and given ample satisfac-

tion to the mercantile community and the

State at large, we have sufficient evidence in

the indignant remonstrance which men of all

parties joined in transmitting to Mr. Guthrie

immediately after his dismissal. Nor can any

legitimate exception be taken to his appoint-

ments. He chose his subordinates among those

who had been most warmly attached to the

cause of General Pierce during the canvass,

and was likewise careful to provide the Cas-

ton House with officers capable of discharg-

ing their duties efficiently. The only ground on

which he became obnoxious to the government

was his steady refusal to listen to Marcy's

hints that special favor should be shown to

certain cliques and factions in this State. Di-

rections from such a quarter and of such a

nature he deemed it his duty steadily to re-

sist. Holding that he was himself the proper

judge of the fitness of his nominees, and deem-

ing a unwarrantable usurpation of the inde-

pendent rights of the States, Collector Bronson

closed his ears to the intimations he received

from Washington. He was, therefore, dis-

missed; and it now devolves upon the Senate

to say whether that dismissal was or was not

as contrary to the uniform practice of the United

States government as it was contrary to the

dictates of reason and common sense.

We confess we had until recently no doubt

whatever of the action of the Senate. What-

ever the House might do, we thought we could

rely upon manly independence and incorrupti-

ble integrity in the upper branch of the govern-

ment. Nor do we now repudiate that feeling

of confidence. It cannot be possible that an

opposition so nobly commenced has already

given way under corrupt influences—it cannot

be that the tyrannical threats of the organ of

the Cabinet have already overcome the indepen-

dence of the Senate, and forced its members to

cover among the rank and file of the govern-

ment supporters. Is it possible that General

Cass, whose fifty years of noble antecedents

have placed his name among those of the fathers

of his country, will close his glorious political

life so meanly as to submit, for some paltry

consideration, to the commands of a spoils Cab-

inet, and publicly endorse by his vote a policy

which his daily conversation condemns? Can

Senator Douglas, with the splendid prospects

which are opening before him, deliberately con-

sent to tarnish his name and stain his character

by a submission to a Cabinet whose ruling

principle is the destruction of independence of

thought and rectitude of action? Are Senators

Houston, Bright, and the other distinguished

members of that body whose characteristic has

hitherto been unwavering uprightness, pre-

pared to unite and rob the Senate of its